(b) the details of proposal for international connectivity, if any, including Stillwell Road?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) There is not such express highways project.

(b) National Highways 40, 44, 62, 151 & 152 connect North Eastern States with International Borders, Stillwell Road is not a National Highway.

Payment of Government Share in Construction of Rob on NH-4

2105. SHRI V.N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has requested that 50% contribution of Government amounting to Rs. 8.59 crores should be paid immediately to CIDCO for the construction of Road Over Bridge on NH-4 near Khandeshear Railway Station; and

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in making the payment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Request of Government of Mahartashtra has not been agreed to. Therefore, question of delay in making payment does not arise.

Theft of Ships

†2106. SHRI JANESHWAR MISRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidents regarding theft of ships is on the rise now-a-days;

(b) if so, the number of incidents occurred during the last six month; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to get rid of the pirates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) No case of theft of ship in Indian

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.